

## Child Care

As our church provides more opportunities for study, worship and mission we want to consistently provide child care for our members who have young children. We have two devoted members who serve every Sunday morning – Joan Glidewell and Mildred Bullin. Despite their great care and dedication, they cannot – nor should they provide all instances of child care.

Is this a way you could minister to your church? Do you like children? Would you like to know more about the times and ways we can use you in this way? Know of someone you could recommend? Just call the church or the pastor and leave a message.

## SCHUMC MOVIE NIGHT!!!

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, SHUMC will hold its first Movie Night. The featured film will be *WAR ROOM*.

War is as old as human history, an aged widow named Miss Clara narrates in the opening moments of *War Room*. "We fight for power. We fight for riches. We fight for rights. We fight for freedom," she says. "There always seems to be something to fight about."

That's as true for individuals as it is for countries. Yet despite the reality of relational conflict, Clara observes, "Very few of us know how to fight the right way." We fight each other instead of recognizing our common spiritual enemy, she says, the thief who comes "to steal, kill and destroy." If we hope to thwart Satan's schemes, to counter his cunning strategies to divide us, we'll need a beefy battle strategy. A strategy that can come from only one place: time spent asking for God's guidance in our prayer closet.

CHILD CARE, ALONG WITH SNACKS AND A MOVIE WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR ALL CHILDREN UNDER 10 YEARS OF AGE.



## April Church Calendar

April 3	Second Sunday of Easter—Communion 9:45 Sunday School 10:50 Worship Service 1:00 p.m. Worship Service at Pioneer Hospital in Danbury
April 6	6:30 a.m. Weekly Prayer in the Sanctuary Noon Bible Study at Pioneer Hospital 6:00 p.m. Light Supper 6:15 Bible Study –Fellowship Hall 7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
April 7	9:00—5:00 Northern Stokes Food Pantry open
April 10	Dr. Mickey Efird will deliver the Message 9:45 Sunday School 10:50 Worship Service— 3rd Sunday of Easter
April 11	7:00 p.m. UMW Meeting
April 13	6:30 a.m. Weekly Prayer in the Sanctuary Noon: Bible Study at Pioneer Hospital 6:00 Light supper 6:15 Bible Study –Fellowship Hall 7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary Tim Wilson will deliver the Message
April 17	8:00 UMM Breakfast and Meeting 9:45 Sunday School 10:50 Worship Service
April 20	6:30 a.m. Weekly Prayer in the Sanctuary 8:00 UMM Deliver food from Second Harvest to Northern Stokes Food Pantry Noon: Bible Study at Pioneer Hospital 6:00 Light Supper 6:15 Bible Study –Fellowship Hall 7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
April 21	9:00—5:00 Northern Stokes Food Pantry open 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting
April 24	9:45 Sunday School 10:50 Worship Service
April 27	6:30 a.m. Weekly Prayer in the Sanctuary Noon: Bible Study at Pioneer Hospital 6:00 Light Supper 6:15 Bible Study –Fellowship Hall 7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal



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## FROM THE PASTOR

We have come through a spiritually blessed and meaningful season of Lent. A season in which we were called to turn to Jesus, to walk with Him to Calvary and to repent of all that is not Christ-like. And, we have celebrated a joyous, glorious Easter morning, remembering that Christ is the Messiah – our Lord and Savior forever!

I want to encourage each of us to remember, that even though the Church calendar provides a 50 day Easter season, Easter never ends for those who believe in the resurrection. This year, during the 50 days of Easter I pray that we will keep the ways in which Christ lives and walks within each of our lives as our main focal point.

To that end, let us look for ways to celebrate the living Lord in our homes and in our daily activities. There are many wonderful, Christian books available that can assist us in our spiritual journeys. Spring is a great time to commit to attending a Bible study. And, of course daily Scripture reading and prayer open us up to the power of the Holy Spirit to equip us and guide us in our journeys.

Blessings on your Spring!

*Pastor Pat*



## Welcome Dr. Efird

Sunday, April 10, we will have as our guest preacher, Dr. James "Mickey" Efird.

Dr. Efird is well-known to many throughout the Christian community for his outstanding Bible studies. Snow Hill recently completed his study on Revelation.

Dr. Efird is professor Emeritus of Duke Divinity School. He earned an A.B. from Davidson, an M.Div from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D from Duke University.

James Michael Efird, more familiarly known as Mickey, was born and reared in Kannapolis, N.C. He began teaching in the Divinity School as a graduate student in 1958, joined the faculty full time in 1962 and has taught Greek and Biblical studies to generations of students.

He is an ordained Presbyterian (USA) minister and has served for nearly 50 years as interim supply pastor for various churches. Committed to making the Bible understandable and properly understood for pastors and laity alike, he has been extremely active in the Divinity School Lay Academy program and has taught in churches of many denominations throughout North Carolina and elsewhere.

He first taught in the United Methodist Church's Course of Study program in 1966 and continues to do so. He has written 13 books and more than 60 articles, many of which can be found in the *Harper-Collins One Volume Bible Dictionary*.

We are delighted that Dr. Efird will be sharing with us and hope that you will not miss this opportunity.



## Did You Know?

***Eastertide*** is the period of fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday.

It is celebrated as a single joyful feast, indeed as the "great Lord's Day". Each Sunday of the season is treated as a Sunday of Easter, and, after the Sunday of the Resurrection, they are named Second Sunday of Easter, Third Sunday of Easter, etc. up to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, while the whole fifty-day period concludes with Pentecost Sunday.

## Members Unable to Worship With Us

Please keep the following SHUMC members and neighbors in your prayers. If you have the opportunity to visit or send a card it would be most appreciated.

Billy Shelton  
Elsie Sisk  
Mary Tilley

Due to privacy concerns, we do not publish contact information for these people in the online edition of the newsletter—please contact the church for this info.

## Sunday Chancel Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers in the Chancel for Sunday Worship to honor of or to memorialize someone or a special occasion, please complete the requested information in the notebook located in the Narthex. You may provide your own arrangement(s) (one or two) or have the church order an arrangement for you. If you have any questions please see Pastor Pat or any member of the Worship Committee.

## April Birthdays

April 3 Colin Anderson  
April 3 Wane Hodges  
April 4 Bobby Manning  
April 5 Chuck Spicer  
April 7 Kristie Andreson  
April 8 Paul-Michael Charleville  
April 15 Sam Tilley  
April 21 Randy Shelton  
April 23 Meritza Moorefield  
April 24 Judy Cox  
April 26 Becky Bibeau  
April 27 Kent Amos  
April 28 Daniel Shelton  
April 30 Sondra Frye Parlier

If we have missed your birthday, or that of a member of your family. Please let Pastor Pat know so we can add it.

## Updates from the Trustees

Our Trustees have been very busy since beginning work in January. Included in their work are:

Following up on Fire Departments evaluation and recommendations:

Exit signs, evacuation signs, carbon monoxide and smoke detectors, electrical concerns

Following up on recommendations of our Liability Insurance Company

Obtaining an estimate for repairing and improving wiring throughout the church building, the storage building and SHAPE

Having the large trees on the grounds trimmed professionally to provide for safety and assure the continuing health of the trees

Replacing the worn and torn carpet on the front steps

Planning to manage water ponding in the storage building by installing a French drain

There are a number of ongoing maintenance and repair projects at the church. If you have an hour or two that you could help out, the list of projects is posted on the closet door in the Fellowship Hall. Your help is always appreciated!

## “SING UNTO THE LORD A NEW SONG, ALLELUIA”

We are blessed with faithful choir members who continue to contribute to our worship services week after week. But, are we in danger of taking them for granted? Do you love to sing? Do you believe that singing is a specific form of worship? Are you available most Wednesday evenings at 7:30? If so, Cindy Roberts invites you to come and “sit in” on a couple of choir rehearsals to see if this might be a possible ministry for you. Reading music is not required at all.

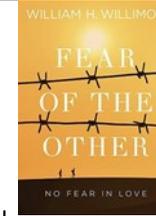


## THE BOOK “NOOK”

Looking for a good book to read for spiritual and professional growth? I highly recommend

*Fear of the Other* by Bishop Will Willimon. There is no more timely issue than how we function in a world where the “other” is all around. How do we feel about, react to, govern and deal politically with the other. Willimon opens a conversation with the need to **tolerate** one another. Wait. Isn’t that supposed to be **love** one another? It’s one thing to genuinely love people who are more or less the same as we are, but what about those who are not only strangers, but people who live completely different lives? Reliable spiritual guide Will Willimon invites you to look more closely at the Gospel’s command to love—because to genuinely love those considered to be “Other,” or outside the mainstream Christian culture, may be the hardest thing for people of faith to do.

Adam Hamilton, author of our recent study, *24 Hours that Changed the World*, recommends this book stating: “I love Will Willimon, and I love this book. Will writes with prophetic sarcasm, a touch of humor, plenty of self-effacement, and a pastor’s heart. And his words will make you laugh, cringe, cry, confess, and repent. This is a very timely book. I urge you, prospective reader, buy and read it! You’ll be grateful you did.” —Adam Hamilton, senior pastor, The book is available from Amazon.com, but you can purchase it from Cokesbury for half the price at \$5.99 (in paperback or ebook format). (Remember, if you purchase online through the Snow Hill Cokesbury Store, the church will receive a donation from Cokesbury.)



## SPIRITUAL FORMATION THROUGH SMALL GROUP STUDY

If you have participated in a small group study recently you already know the impact it can have on your spiritual journey, as well as fellowship with fellow Christians. If you have not participated recently, I strongly urge you to give it a try – if it is physically possible for you to attend Wednesdays at noon in the conference room at Pioneer Hospital in Danbury, or at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

This Wednesday, April 6, is the perfect time to attend because we will be previewing three potential studies for spring. The group will decide which one we will use for April and May. Please come and be a part of the decision. After that you can decide if you would like to commit to the study (anticipate 6-8 weeks).

A light dinner is available at 6:00 at no charge and child care is provided. Come and bring a friend with you – regardless of where they attend Sunday services.

## PRAISE GOD WITH THE HORN, THE TIMBREL, ETC.

Did you play in the high school or college band? If so, do you ever regret that you no longer play? Well, have we got good news for you. Snow Hill is considering the possibility of developing a church band. To do that, we need to know how many of you would be willing to give it a try. Don’t question how “rusty” you are, just consider the fun of trying. This will not be a high pressure group and we will have no preconceived notions of what the band will be. Are you willing to meet once to discuss the possibilities? Do you need help with getting your horn into playing condition – or securing an instrument? Call or email Pat or Chuck Spicer and we will help you out. Let’s make a joyful noise together.